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## SERMON VALEDICTORY

On Sunday, May 28th, Professor Cock gave his farewell sermon in St. Mary's, South Stoneham, the Church in which he has conducted some 750 Collegiate services during the past 23 years. He dwelt on his coming, his going and the years between, on the ideals, the hopes and the ambitions which had motivated him during those years and the pleasures and blessings of friendship which had been conferred upon him by successive generations of students and staff. Crowded indeed have been those years begun by invitation in the middle of the Great War and ending, again by invitation, as we stand uneasily aware that the invisible war of the post-armistice years may soon break out into another open and catastrophic war, sudden, sharp, savage and not necessarily short. Such a career as this, he said, was by no means unusual but rather the lot of man in general. What we seek we rarely find save we seek for the Kingdom of Heaven's sake; what we find we rarely realise save we ascend some mount of transfiguration; what we do we rarely know save when some fire hath touched our lips, and cleansed so, we answer in the silence of our hearts, "Here am I, send me."

Standing, at the age of 15, before a class of 90 boys, all classified by the underscoring authorities of those days as standard 0, this had they in common, they hungered for love. What could he do but strike out from the blackboard the word they wanted not—the word called HATE and write instead the word they knew not but wanted sore—the word called LOVE.

With the swift passage of the years there came that friend from whom the strapping youth learnt that in the marriage of true minds is no impediment that love's not love which alters when its alteration finds or bends with the remover to remove; from him he learnt that love's an ever fixed mark that looks on tempests and is never shaken.

These words inspired him, and when he became Warden of South Stoneham House, he gave it those words familiar to all his family since 18 years. . . Intus fervet Caritas. . . Love glows within. He paid a tribute to his loved ones. . . that great family scattered throughout the Empire and the world who still carry with them memories of friendships cemented by that glowing motto.

He spoke warmly too of his debt to Connaught Hall, whose motto, Abis Caritas, is an extension of that of South Stoneham House, and he prayed that with the impending union, love might ever prevail and envy, hatred and all uncharitableness be for ever unknown. Nor could he ever adequately discharge his debt to the women students of the College who had lived in a spirit of service for all and selfishness in none. "They too, more than they ever knew or know have kept in one that respect, that worshipful respect for woman, wife and mother, without which the inner sanctuary of man's soul can never be kept clean." And how many, who though their homes be in town or neighbouring places, "have with all this less loyalty or more unrequitedly dwelt with me among the untrodden ways beside the springs of Love?"

Finally he recalled the blessings of friendship and inspiration, forgiveness and encouragement, of all those members of Staff with whom he had worked, either in Hall or at College, for 23 years.

"With some of those have been many, with others few, yet the worth of a conversation lies not in the multitude of words, but in the quality and meaning of speech." And knowing this he could say with him who uttered nothing base—

Six years and fifty told this very year  
Have I been now a sojourner on earth,  
By sorrow not unsmitten, yet for his  
Life's radiance hath not left the hills;  
Her dew is on the flowers?

"The coming was a call, the going is a call. What has been the response to the call in the twenty three years between? Who can tell how oft he offended? The swift impetuous speech, the inarticulate cry, the obscure utterance and the unilluminating phrase, the unintended harsh, yet uttered word, the failure to keep troth with time. . . the readiness to blame, the unreadiness to praise. . . O cleanse thou me from my secret faults and you, my brethren and my friends, forgive and pray that I take heed to my ways in the place where I must go."

The Collegiate services, those trusting times with God, had meant much to him and he hoped that they would not be continued because he would have it so, but because of the love we have for them. He reminded us of our duty to God, and of our obligation not to waste time which should be given to His service.

My new cut ashar takes the light  
When crimson blank the windows glare,  
By my own work before the night,  
Great Overseer, I make my prayer.  
If there be good in that I wrought,  
Thy hand compelled it, Master, Thine,  
If I have failed to meet Thy thought,  
I know through Thee the blame was mine.  
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### Editorial.

Feeling that the report of the Valdictory Sermon by Professor Cock has a greater claim to space than any remarks by the Editor, he would merely like to wish all examinees the best of luck, and to remind readers that the last and best issue of the term will be on sale a fortnight to-day.

### Your Horoscope

SEPTEMBER.

Be careful of him; he is not to be trusted too much, as he is overcome by a wave of affection which is shortlived and what is worse followed by a wave of something akin to dislike or hatred. Extremely jealous, so do not try tampering with his wife; it might end disastrously for the wife at any rate, who will have to listen to the music. A scandalmonger; will often stand and gloat over the trouble he has caused by his handiwork. Will generally distort things to gain his own ends, and likes to create sensations, either by his words or deeds. Makes friends easily but has to learn the art of retaining them.

Do not trust a woman born in September, or she will end by twisting you round her little finger. She is extravagant and likes to make a display of her wealth. Don't marry September girls unless you can play the piper, and pipe to her tune.

OCTOBER.

A pattern of justice. He always loves to pose as a just man, sometimes because he loves it, but more often to win the applause and approbation of the world. Rather brazen-faced at times, but with good reason, since he is inclined to be very subtle and intricate in his judgment and arguments. A good devil, and a bit thoughtful and morose, but a jovial companion when roused from his moods. Religious to a degree, either because he is convinced that religion acts as a foil to his love of justice and fair play, or because he is genuinely religious. Fond of domineering and dictating to people, but all told he or she makes a lovable companion.

Court an October girl by all means; go out of your way to win her, but be careful not to lie to her, as she does not forgive or forget in a hurry. She soon finds you out but is very patient, persevering and quick-witted.

*continued in col. iii.*

### The First 20,000—

On Saturday, 3rd June, being 20 years old, I presented myself at the Labour Exchange to register under the Military Training Act. About 50 men were lined up awaiting their turn. When mine arrived I told the clerk I wished to be registered as a C.O. This perplexed him and he had to consult a superior, who had to consult the Regulations. Eventually he returned with the appropriate forms and filled them in. As I was about to leave the counter I asked whether I could take a leaflet explaining the provisions of the Act which I had noticed was presented to the others when they registered. The clerk was dubious and the question was referred to his superior who again consulted the Regulations. Finally he returned and reluctantly gave me a copy with the observation, "I can't find anything against it, so I suppose you can have one." You can't be too careful nowadays.

The most significant impression I gained while I was in the building was the lack of enthusiasm among the conscripts. One was lamenting audibly the necessity of forgoing his midday meal, and if others were more discreet, they exhibited no deeper patriotism. In short, the general attitude was one of resigned acquiescence, not entirely inexplicable in a people stupefied by day-to-day news of a perpetual World Crisis, Rearmament, Air Raid Precautions and all the other signs of war preparation. There is an urgent need for future conscripts to consider thoughtfully now their attitude to Conscription before they are pushed willy-nilly into Military Training.

There are few people who hold that all wars are good, but unless he takes this view the man liable to be conscripted would be well-advised to ponder now, before it is too late, that once under military authority, he is compelled for four years at least, to fight in any war upon which the Government sees fit to embark. This is worthy of thought, for the prevalent view is that a pact with Russia would put all the obligation on Russia's side. Moreover, if we acquiesce in the State's claim to appropriate us body and soul, we

had better get off our high horse and cease our lofty amusement at the docility of the poor Germans.

To me, the Christian objections to Conscription carry most weight but whatever the views of others, there is food for thought in the antics of this professedly Christian State, which, in the holy name of "National Interest" compels a man to learn the most expeditious use of the bayonet, at the same time as it prohibits him from filling in a football coupon lest his morals are impaired.

The justification of Conscription on military grounds is not very convincing. If it was designed to give Hitler sleepless nights it had better be abandoned now with dignity. The tragedy is that it has given him priceless evidence of "encrelement"; in other words, its effect is to alienate still further the one ally which has the power to overthrow Hitler, the German people. Historical evidence is plainly against the notion that Hitler will be overthrown by ferocious gestures. Under the nose of a heavily armed France he rearm Germany; if we armed to the teeth we should never restore Germany to that relative state of military inferiority from which she has grown.

Lastly, is it not a tragic fact that the peoples of the world all want Peace? And while Civilisation rushes downhill to its doom, our statesmen, instead of slaving night and day to prevent the impending catastrophe, blather about "the need to be prepared." If we recognise no higher motive than the instinct of self-preservation we should withhold our support until they change their policy.

J. P. C.

**Your Horoscope—cont. from col. i.**

NOVEMBER.

A sad and mournful fellow, who gives you the impression that he has the burdens of the whole world on his shoulders. Makes an interesting companion only when you understand his nature and do not rub him the wrong way. Affectionate by nature. A good judge of human nature, will make a friend or foe of a man at first sight. Beware of his or her tongue as he or she can hurt deeply with this dangerous weapon. Very sarcastic and at times critical.

### Austrian Refugees

On Tuesday, at 1.20, Dr. Helen Czech addressed a Union meeting on the subject of Austrian refugees. She herself was a refugee and she was able to give a firsthand picture of the hardships and difficulties besetting students who for racial or political reasons had incurred the anger of the invading Germans. She made a very eloquent appeal for financial help for them, and many of her hearers must have wished that they were in a position to help in some substantial way.

### Conservative Assoc. Meeting

On Friday, June 2nd, the Conservative Association held a meeting to deal with the much-debated questions of British foreign policy in Eastern Europe. In a be-mapped music studio, Lt.-Colonel St. Clair Smallwood gave a straightforward account of the situation regarding Poland, Russia and Eastern Europe generally. The speaker pointed out how Russian inefficiency militated against her usefulness as an ally, citing, for instance, the numerous liquidations among the higher ranks of the Russian army, which were bound to harm its morale. Poland, on the contrary, was certainly efficient, and possessed an excellent morale throughout the army and nation. He argued that the partitions of Poland during the eighteenth century must have had the effect of admitting Russian troops even to attack Germany if necessary. Delay in carrying through an Anglo-Russian Alliance was therefore explicable. On the whole, the meeting was notable for its lack of acute controversy.

The next meeting will be one for the election of officers.

**Mathematics—Pure and Simple.**

**Note to Maths. Class.**

On Tuesday and Wednesday, June 13th and 14th, Intermediate Pure Class will meet in Room 29 instead of Room 2.

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# Athletic Union

## ATHLETIC CLUB REPORT.

U.C.S. scored an easy victory in the Hants Inter-Collegiate match at Winchester; the final points being U.C.S. 39, King Alfred's 20 and Portsmouth 14. College took firsts in all events except the furlong, mile and three miles. The weather was good except for a strong wind across the track and which was head on for the jumps. The performances were of a high standard for this meeting: three records were broken and one equalled. Wallace set two of these in the 100 and 440. In the former event he was left on his mark in a bad start but returned 10.1 secs. In the quarter he beat his previous best by a second. The third record was Arjas' shot put which was nearly four feet further than the previous record. The half was a one man event and Pirrie equalled the record with ease.

One notable feature was the superiority of our men in the field events, in all of which both our competitors were placed (excepting the hurdles), where as in the track events only first strings scored.

Mossman won the hurdles without difficulty in a good time. The only stylists in the high jump which C. T. Reed won easily, were our men; Laakso with great determination gained third place. The standard of the long jump was poor, partly due to the wind. In both the shot and the discus the U.C.S. throwers were superior, though not up to the usual high standard. The javelin throw was abandoned after the high wind resulted in two spears being broken; incidentally three men beat the previous best in the first round.

The main feature of the mile was the splendid finish of Hawkins (Winchester), after Moore had made most of the pace. The gruelling conditions for the three miles brought to light a lack of training. Portsmouth packed well and gained three of the first four places.

The relay was won in fine style. Wallace handed over a lead of 10

yards after the quarter and this was increased over the succeeding stages.

College took a small band of enthusiastic supporters. At the conclusion of the Sports Mrs. White graciously presented the trophies and badges.

**Results:—**  
100 yds. 1 Wallace; 2 Winchester; 3 Winchester. Time 10.1 secs.  
880 yds. 1 Pirrie; 2 Winchester; 3 Portsmouth. Time 2 mins. 3.6 secs.

Shot Put. 1 Arjas; 2 Portsmouth; 3 Laakso. 39ft. 7½ins.

Hurdles. 1 Mossman; 2 Winchester; 3 Portsmouth. Time 16.5 secs.

440 yds. 1 Wallace; 2 Winchester; 3 Portsmouth. Time 52.2 secs.  
Discus. 1 Arjas; 2 C. T. Reed; 3 Portsmouth. 102ft. 5ins.

High Jump. 1 C. T. Reed; 2 Winchester; 3 Laakso. Height 5 ft. 3½ins.

1 Mile. 1 Portsmouth; 2 Winchester; 3 Moore. Time 4 mins. 51 secs.

220 yds. 1 Winchester; 2 Mossman; 3 Portsmouth. Time 24.2 secs.

Long Jump. 1 Murnaghan; 2 Wallace; 3 Winchester. Distance 18ft. 4ins.

3 Miles. 1 Portsmouth; 2 Southampton; 3 Winchester. Time 16 mins. 45 secs.

Relay. 1 Southampton; 2 Winchester; 3 Portsmouth. Time 3 mins. 54.7 secs.

## HANTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

For the first time College entered a team in the Hampshire Championships and took three firsts and a third. Weather was ideal but the track was slow owing to a loose surface.

Wallace won his quarter heat in 52.9 and the final in 50.9 secs., which is only 0.1 sec. outside the record and inside A.A.A. standard time. He had the misfortune to be drawn in the outside lane in the final or his time might have been faster.

Thornhill jumped 21ft. 8½ins. to win the long jump by two inches and set a new record. He jumped very consistently, beating 21ft. three times; incidentally the pit is very disadvantageous to jumpers.

In the hurdles Mossman, with a clear lead took a hurdle and so lost his stride and was unplaced. C. T. Reed was placed fourth in the discus with a throw of 100 feet.

We had high hopes for our relay team, but Wallace was debared from running because College is not his first claim club. The team, Mossman, Thornhill, Carswell and Pirrie won its heat and was, third in the final. The runners obviously very tired made a gallant effort. A word of criticism—College's baton-changing in general was bad and on one change the team lost 8 yards. Congratulations to Pirrie for running three good halves in two hours.

## CRICKET CLUB.

On June 3rd College lost heavily to Reading University. Eden and White lost their wickets comparatively cheaply but, Shadwell and Simpson made a determined stand. Simpson drove forcefully and hit two sixes in his total of 31. Shadwell played an extremely patient and valuable innings, defending strongly against the accurate stuff, and severely punishing the loose balls to reach a total of 54. The remaining batsmen failed to follow up this good lead, and College were all out for 128.

The Reading opening pair began at once to score freely, and aided by a large slice of luck and some indifferent fielding they put on 122 before the first wicket fell. Reading passed our score with only one wicket down.

Away to Goldsmiths' on June 10th College could score only 113, to which Soper, Stemp and Kingman made the most valuable contributions. The College bowlers were of small effect on the matting wicket, and Goldsmiths' beat us with the loss of 3 wickets. The standard of College fielding was much better than usual in this match.

## TENNIS CLUB.

1st VI v. Old Hartleyns, won 7-5.

1st VI v. Exeter, lost 1-8.

1st VI v. Staff, won 6-4.

1st VI v. Southern Railway, draw 6-6.

1st VI v. Cambrians, lost 1-8.

The match against Exeter was a repetition of the Bristol massacre. After our second pair had lost to Exeter's second and third pairs in quick succession the match was felt to be over and any further results were merely of academic interest.

Against the Cambrians College played in much the same spiritless way as against Exeter and with the same result. The Staff match saw an increase of morale and would possibly have resulted in a narrow victory for College if time had allowed the completion.

The Southern Railway match was rather surprising in its result since the first three mixed doubles matches were lost. However, after Wareham had knocked down half the fence surrounding the courts College won the men's doubles 2-1 and also the women's doubles with the same score.

## WOMEN'S BOAT CLUB.

On June 7th the Women's Boat Club rowed their first away race at Bristol and, in spite of the fact that the Bristol crew were bothered by a horsefly and two minor crabs, they managed to win the race by ½ lengths.

Southampton actually led during the first few yards of the course but owing to lack of experience were unable to maintain their lead. The club, however, with continued practice, should be more successful in future races.

When a woman says she won't be a minute she is usually right.

Repeat it what you think of on the way home.

Never ask a woman's age. If she says it is her birthday, tell her she doesn't look it.

Knitting gives women something to think about while they're talking.

When a man listens attentively to what a woman says it's often a sign that they are not married.

## Information

The following have obtained posts during the past few weeks—  
Miss P. ROBERTS, Wendover (Private Secy.), Bucks.  
P. R. MOSSMAN, Engine Dept., Bristol Aeroplane Co.  
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# Correspondence

The Editor of Wessex News.

Sir,  
As the author of the "I BELIEVE" of the 16th May issue of "Wessex News" I should like to congratulate the Christian gentlemen who objected to my article, firstly for having the courage to sign their names, unlike "Doubtful" of the same issue and secondly for proving my case so adequately. They may find great joy and satisfaction in their metaphysical appreciation of things divine and the beauty of God, but what benefit does their abstract thinking confer upon the man who is denied a decent existence simply because he is of little or no labour-value to the minority of the profit-making class. No amount of good-will or generous donations of worn-out clothing and shoes to the unemployed will change fundamentally the present system and its periodical crises which subject a large part of the community to starvation and the Means Test. Christianity may have been responsible for the abolition of slavery in the Roman Empire (which incidentally it was not), but to-day men and women are condemned by wage-slavery to a life which even the most brutal of the Roman slave-owners would not have permitted for his valuable slaves. Christian good-will is of no practical use unless Christians apply their convictions to their political action: I ask Christians to co-operate with those like myself who are not concerned to any great degree with religion and theology for the amelioration of the conditions of the mass of humanity. They may if they like sneer at dialectical materialism, but let them remember that dialectical materialists are their best friends. In this age, when the youth of the totalitarian states are being educated to an appreciation of brutality and violence, there is no time for woolly-minded thinking or petty ineffectual wrangling. Those who still believe in decency must unite to save civilization from otherwise inevitable barbarization and destruction.

Yours faithfully,  
ROBERT LESLIE.

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# AN OPEN LETTER TO DOUBTFUL

Dear "Doubtful,"

We have heard your arguments before. We know your position. It is both dishonest and short-sighted.

You are a reader of the Beaver mere Press. You are afraid of the practical sympathy between the working-men of different nations which the international labour movement creates. Hence your isolationism.

You shy at all generous emotion. Your heart is a little withered thing destroyed by the cash basis of modern social relations. You pass a hospital box in the street, murmuring, "Charity begins at home." You dare not deny charity. You attempt to divert and nullify it.

Hence your present dishonesty. You insinuate that the Socialist bloc in College disregards the unemployed, in fact if not in spirit. On the contrary the Socialists continually advocate and bring forward to your notice the only policy which can liquidate the unemployed as a class. But, you say, this is a matter of opinion. In bourgeois politics, Yes! In proletarian politics, No!

The Press which mouths most loudly your arguments does least to help the unemployed and is notorious for its disparagement of working-class movements.

It is the working-class movement, on whose back the burden of the slump has been laid, that most actively supports its comrades overseas.

Your arguments are short-sighted, O Patriot. For three years the men and women of Spain have fought for Democracy against Fascism. For three years you have consistently betrayed them. Now you deny relief to their maimed and homeless.

As you fall deeper and deeper within the shadow of encroaching Fascism, what support in the future do you expect from these people.

In your anxiety you seize with relief arguments which are no arguments. "Recently rumours were current..." The Press you rely on does not substantiate. It cannot. It is its business to spread lies.

The ships the Relief Committees sent out, as it happened, were very lucky. If any were sunk, your Government did not defend them.

Your own student organisation is a constituent member of B.Y.P.A.... as are Christian societies. Their work is voluntary. Do you accuse them of incompetence and embezzlement?

Yours,

C. MATTHEWS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,

The letter in the last issue of "Wessex News" on the subject of Spanish relief calls for an answer, particularly since it casts doubt on the guarantees and adequacy of the arrangements made by the various organisations who are sponsoring the relief work in Spain, to which the Union made a contribution last term. The first and last paragraphs of the letter illustrate, in my opinion, Mr. Editor, that kind of short-sighted mentality which one might expect to find outside the University, but when found inside, leads one to suspect that those holding this view have not benefited as much as they might from their years at College.

The following facts in respect of the contribution sent by the Union last term may help to disperse the disquietude in "Doubtful's" mind. The contribution was included on one of the two following allocations—it is impossible to state which.

(1) On February 14th £750 was sent to the National Joint Committee (by the Spanish Youth Foodship Committee), and received next day, with a letter stating that the money would be spent on food and milk for children under four years in Valencia. This was sent in S.S. "Stanlake" which arrived at Almeria on March 2nd, and was acknowledged by Miss Barbara Woods, the National Joint Committee's representative in Central Spain.

(2) On March 3rd, £350 was sent to the National Joint Committee, and received next day. This was used to help load the S.S. "Stanlake," which left London for Valencia on March 9th or 10th. This was also acknowledged by Miss Woods on its arrival.

The food was distributed by representatives of the British, American and Swiss Friends' Service Council through canteens; for children over four or five years the distribution was made at school. There is surely every reason to place confidence in the discrimination of the Society of Friends and its members in Spain in respect of the distribution of the food. Further, there is efficient checking of supplies from London to Spain and to the Refugee camps, while balance sheets of the Spanish Youth Foodship Committee are published.

What "Ulterior political motives" can "prompt the enthusiasm" of such organizations as the following, which officially support the Foodship Committee—many church organizations, the London Missionary Society, the N.C.G.C., and the N.U.S.? Surely the one justification required and obtained, is the great and pressing need of those who are suffering in Spain.

Yours sincerely,

LEONARD MOORE.

# Calendar

Sunday, June 18th.

University Service at St. Mary's Church, Southampton.

Sunday, June 25th.

Rev. F. C. Tindall, B.D., Warden of Connaught Hall, at St. Mary's, South Stoneham.

# Chess Club

On the 4th June, College played the John Lewis Partnership chess team over eight boards. This match is an annual fixture when we are the guests of the Chairman of the Partnership.

The opposition was indeed formidable; our opponents—one of the strongest teams of the London Business League—had the champion of that League on top board, besides two other notabilities of the chess world.

Individual wins were scored by Honeyborne, Poberaj and Godfrey and draws by K. N. Reed and Archard. It is noted that College scored only half a point on the top three boards. The final score after three hours play was a draw, a very satisfactory result and an excellent conclusion to a very enjoyable day.

Hard in Refectory:

"This College isn't a hot-bed of anything. It's just a bed!"

At Hall:

An Honours student, the morning after—"Gosh, I had a rotten dream last night. I dreamt I came in tight and met the Warden on top corridor." The Warden, who had approached unseen—"You didn't dream it, come and see me after breakfast."

Red Tape.

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